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(d) The farm has experienced these diseases. The following methods have been adopted to overcome the attacks and produce healthy crops:—
(1) Rotation of crops.
(2) Destruction of diseased potatoes.
(3) Selection of disease-free and well-sprouted seed.
(4) Improved methods of cultivation.

(e) A Press Communiqué on the Agricultural Research Station, Nanjanad, was issued in August 1932 and was published in Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th August 1932. The question of publishing a bulletin on the experiments conducted and the results obtained is under consideration by the Director of Agriculture.

(f) The Director did not visit the farm this year but he visited it twice last year. He considers that the farm is doing useful work.

Public Works

Expenditure on the construction of quarters for Government servants since the Provincial contribution was fixed.

* 522 Q.—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how much has been spent in the construction of quarters for Government servants after the Provincial contribution was fixed in 1920?

A.—A statement[a] showing divisionwar the expenditure incurred in each circle since 1920 is furnished.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"From the statement it is found that three times the amount that was set apart for the Telugu districts was given to the Tamil districts. May I ask if the Government think that the Telugu districts do not require quarters for their Government servants?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Probably the Telugu districts had quarters already."

Education

Appointment of examiners for Government Technical Examinations in Commerce.

* 523 Q.—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether any fixed rules are followed in the appointment of chief and assistant examiners for Government Technical Examinations in Commerce held by the Madras Government Technical Examinations Board or by the Commissioner for Government Technical Examinations; if so, what the educational and technical qualifications and the teaching experience needed are for the appointment of such examiners;

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(b) whether any list of such qualified people is prepared and any principle of rotation is observed in the appointment of such examiners; and

(c) the number of examiners appointed for these examinations from 1926 to 1933 and how many of them are Telugus; how many of them are Tamilians; and the remuneration paid to them individually for acting as examiners?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No hard-and-fast rules are followed. Examiners and assistant examiners are selected by the Commissioner for Government Examinations with reference to their knowledge and practical experience, their status and their capacity to discharge the responsible work entrusted to them.

(*c*) A statement [a] is appended. Information regarding the names of examiners and the remuneration paid to them is confidential.

11-45 a.m. Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"May I know why it is not considered necessary to comply with the suggestion made in clause (*b*) of the question, i.e., to prepare a list of the people qualified?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by the preparation of such a list."

Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"When there is a feeling among some people that their claims are not properly considered at the time of selection, why does not the hon. Minister think it necessary to remedy their grievances?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"As the hon. Member will understand from the answer to the clause (*c*) even if such a list is prepared, it will be kept confidential. Therefore, there is no use in preparing one."

Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"The suggestion made in clause (*b*) is to prepare a list of the candidates every year who are qualified and to observe a certain principle in making the selection?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"But that list would be kept confidential, I say. It won't be open to the public and so the public cannot have an opportunity to criticise it."

Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"I wish to know if there is any such list prepared now?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"There is none."

Revision of the curriculum of studies in the higher elementary schools.

* 524 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a committee was appointed by the Government to report on the course of studies in the higher elementary schools;

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